► Collection by mobile vans.

Joint Venture between India and China

3108. SHRI C. O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and China have agreed to implement joint venture in third countries and signed a Memorandum of Understanding in the telecom sector; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Release of Funds to MP

3109. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are sitting with huge amount of funds, almost 50,000 crore and not releasing the same to States under different Ministries;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what are the details of release of funds during the last three years to Madhya Pradesh under Rural Development, Tribal Welfare, Social Justice and Empowerment, Road Transport and Finance Department?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A statement is enclosed.

Statement

Funds released to the Government of Madhya Pradesh during 1998-99, 1999-2000 *and* 2000-01

(Rs. in crores)

	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01
1. Ministry of Rural Development			
(i) Department of Rural Development	746.59	650.44	597.97
(ii) Department of Land Resources	14.06	152.48	91.87
(iii) Department of Drinking Water Supply	115.87	127.69	96.85
Total (1) :	876.52	930.61	786.69
2. Ministry of Tribal Welfare	124.15	121.83	85.00
3. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment	62.93	77.89	57.01
4. Ministry of Road Transport and Highways	111.21	168.38	190.80
5. Ministry of Finance			
(i) Central Plan Assistance released under various items in the shape of Block Loans /Block Grants	1366.37	1911.61	1499.30
(ii) Centre's share of CRF	42.49	44.29	46.98
(iii) Assistance from NCCF	35.00	38.86	35.00
(iv) Small Savings Loans	886.81	993.55	992.19
(v) Share in Central Taxes	2958.28	3287.79	4075.30

	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01
(vi) Grants for Upgradation and Special Problems (vii) Grants for Local Bodies	79.36 126.90	24.29 146.34	64.58 63.29

Kisan Credit Cards

3110. PROF. A. LAKSHMISAGAR:
SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Kisan Credit Cards issued in Karnataka;

(b) whether it is a fact that many banks are refusing to give credit under the credit cards; and

(c) if so, whether Government are going to take any action against the erring banks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) have reported that as on 30 June, 2001 a total of 9,26,509 Kisan Credit Cards have been issued by all banks in Karnataka since the Inception of the scheme.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

Private Sector in pension schemes

3111. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to allow private sector to enter into the pension schemes;